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Sir:

AMENDMENT

In response to the Office letter mailed on June 27, 2001, please renumber claims 14-15 as claims 9-10. Also delete claims 1, 3, 5, 7, and 8-10.

Add the following claims:

--11. A process for obtaining mevinolin by culturing a fungal culture medium of one or more of an *Aspergillus terreus*, and *Aspergillus obscurus* strain, the culture medium containing assimilable sources of carbon, nitrogen and inorganic substances at conditions suitable for the production of mevinolin, consisting essentially of the following steps,

(a) adjusting the pH of the culture medium to between about 7.5 and about 10 to dissolve mevinolin from the fungal culture medium of the said *Aspergillus* strain into the fermentation liquor,

(b) separating the fungal culture medium from the said *Aspergillus* strain to obtain a separated fermentation liquor.

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